

Robert Packer Hospital and Guthrie Healthcare System

The Robert Packer Hospital and Guthrie Healthcare System are a major employer in Sayre, and out reaching communities.

The Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA started out in the Robert Packer mansion of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Robert Packer. After his passing in 1883, his sister, Mary Packer Cummings, donated the mansion to the Lehigh Valley Railroad to be used as a hospital with the stipulation there is to be no discrimination to anyone seeking care. In 1885, the Robert Packer Hospital opened its doors. Many of the patients at the time were Lehigh Valley employees.

In 1910, Dr. Donald Guthrie arrived in Sayre and established the Guthrie Medical Group. Dr. Guthrie modeled his leadership after the Mayo Clinic where he interned. By the late 1920s Dr. Guthrie had 27 physicians working under him in a four-story building located in Sayre.

In 1933, a fire caused damage to parts of the Robert Packer Hospital. Shortly after the fire, the hospital was running again. In late 1934, an entire new eight-story building was opened.

Today, Guthrie Medical Group holds six hospitals and 76 regional offices, covering over 10,000 square miles. Today, Guthrie offers almost 1,000 primary providers and specialists who treat over 1.5 million patients a year.



The Robert Packer Mansion

Guthrie Sayre Atrium

Aerial view of 1934 building, the mansion, the clinic and the old nurse school.

